

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 758

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Brother Clint Etherton upon winning the 2009 International Circle of Clerical Scholars Forrest Purcer Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is the minister of Graysville Church of Christ, Brother Clint Etherton, who has been honored by the International Circle of Clerical Scholars with the 2009 Forrest Purcer Award; and

WHEREAS, this award is the top honor extended by the organization, annually recognizing a member of the clerical community worldwide who displays excellence in both scholarship and service; and

WHEREAS, as the recipient of this award, Brother Etherton is being recognized for his commitment to excellence in the study of God's Holy Word and his loyal service to humanity; and

WHEREAS, known for his uniquely rich understanding of the Scriptures, Brother Etherton has been a featured speaker at numerous gospel meetings, lectureships, and retreats, including the millennial Tennessee State Youth Conference at Howard High School in 2000; and

WHEREAS, selflessly dedicated to the many people he serves, Brother Etherton has also worked with Serenity Shelter for Battered Women in Knoxville and served as Chaplain for various hospitals and for coal mining operations in West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Brother Etherton is fortunate to share love and companionship with his wife, Teresa Hastings Etherton, who has served alongside him

as an active participant in the ministry at Graysville Church of Christ throughout their eleven years with the congregation; and

WHEREAS, Brother Etherton exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career as a religious leader and humble servant of God, Brother Etherton has demonstrated the utmost ability and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his friends, his family, and the many and diverse members of his congregation at Graysville Church of Christ; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Brother Clint Etherton, an outstanding pastor, for his meritorious service to the citizens of the State of Tennessee, offer our congratulations to him upon winning the 2009 International Circle of Clerical Scholars Forrest Purcer Award, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.